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Committees for Year Appointed

Following is a list of committee appointments as made by the Conference Board of Directors. These names, together with the list elected at the Conference and published in the November issue of The Pacific, constitute a complete roster of officers and committees for the new year.

Finance Committee: Rev. W. Wallace Furze, Mr. C. S. Morse, Mr. A. W. Moore, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

Benevolence Promotion: Mr. George S. Martin, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, Rev. Charles E. Ward, Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, Miss Helen M. Perkins, Mr. Lawrence Moore, Rev. G. E. Atkinson, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Mrs. R. C. Kirkwood and Mrs. W. Wallace Furze.

Appropriations: Rev. Gail Cleland, Mrs. F. J. Greene, and Rev. H. F. Swartz.

Religious Work at University of California: Rev. T. T. Giffen, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. H. F. Swartz, Rev. Westwood Wallace, Mrs. W. B. Buckham, Rev. P. Pierson Parker, Mrs. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, and Rev. Alden A. Read.

Social Action: Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Rev. N. B. Henderson, Mrs. J. M. Burk, Mr. E. B. Mead, Rev. Benjamin Gould, Rev. V. H. Morgan, Rev. W. B. Thorp, Rev. Wilfred Withington, and Miss Mary Coxhead.

Evangelism: Rev. J. H. McCartney, Rev. Harvey V. Miller, Rev. R. C. Day, Rev. Burton M. Palmer, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, Rev. C. L. Mears, and Rev. H. J. Loken.

Religious Education: Rev. Wm. R. Steininger, Rev. R. C. Waddell, Mrs. Dorothy Bennett, Rev. Sidney Buckham, Miss Lucile Shackelford, Mrs. L. M. Drury, and Mrs. T. E. Borden.

Young People's Work: Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. Godfrey Matthews, Mr. Prescott Thompson, Miss Viola Mann, Mr. Paul Baldwin, Miss Reva Galvin, and Mrs. L. Byerrum.

1937 HAND BOOK READY

In the 1937 edition of **The Hand Book** are three articles which are intended to give the people of our fellowship some understanding of the great Christian movement through the ages. In the limited space of this small Hand Book only a brief presentation can be given. Pastors should bring these articles to the attention of their people and induce them to take more interest in the backgrounds of our faith. A study of the significant movements of the Christian Church is a necessity for good churchmanship.

Have your people read, **"Great Periods in the History of the Christian Church,"** a brief outline from the Apostolic Age to present day; **"A Brief History of Our Fellowship,"** during recent years three church bodies have affiliated with the Congregationalists and brief histories of these three bodies, and of the Congregational Churches, are presented; **"The Significance of Congregationalism,"** giving the chief events from the landing of the Pilgrims to the present time.

There is also a **"Year's Guide for the Reading of the Bible,"** prepared by our own Dr. Clarence Reidenbach, lists of **Christian Life Topics** and **Prayer Meeting Topics** for 1937 and other data. Copies can be obtained from Pacific Book Service, in lots of 100 or more at $3 per 100; smaller lots at four cents per copy, postpaid.

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP TO MEET

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA YOUNG PEOPLE TO MEET IN FIRST CHURCH. SAN FRANCISCO, JANUARY 1, 2, 3.

Starting the New Year right, the young people of the Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship will meet in the First Congregational Church of San Francisco, on January 1, 2, and 3, for their annual Mid-Winter Conference. Congregational youth will wrestle with the problem of spanning the gaps that loom large in their particular world.

According to Viola Mann, Fellowship President and General Chairman of the Mid-Winter conclave, several top-notch speakers will contribute to the three-day program.

Dr. Gail Cleland, who spent last summer circling the globe and observing current events in the international arena, will fire the opening gun on Friday, January 1, giving an illustrated talk, pointing out the significance of world events to American youth.

Dr. Y. T. Wu, Chinese leader in Y. M. C. A. work, holds the program spotlight on Saturday afternoon, telling "How I Became a Christian." Dr. Wu, trained for the customs service in his native country, and active in the service for eight years, was repelled at his first contact with Christianity. Only after a struggle did he give in to the compelling power of this "superstitious" and "foreign" religion.

Rev. Dillon Throckmorton will give an address on Saturday evening—"From Today to Tomorrow." Mr. Throckmorton accompanied Sherwood Eddy on his European tour during the past summer.

Art Casaday, Field Secretary for the E. P. C., will outline a peace program for Congregational youth when he speaks to the assembled group on Saturday morning.

Dr. Jason Noble Pierce, pastor of our host church, will preach the closing sermon of the conference on Sunday morning, and will administer the Communion.

In addition to these speakers, there will be a series of round-table discussions: "Race Relations," "Personal Religion," "A Warless World," "A Christian Economic Order," and "Leisure Time."

The registration fee of $2.00 will cover all costs of the conference except transportation. Meals will be served at the church and sleeping accommodations provided in private homes. The registration fee should be sent to Miss Ida Nicholas, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco. Late registration (after Christmas) will be $2.25.

PROGRAM

All Meetings at First Congregational Church, Post and Mason Sts.

FRIDAY, January 1

2:00- 5:00	Registration.
4:00	"Singing"
6:00	Dinner
7:40	Chapel Service
8:15	Address and Moving Pictures, Dr. Gail Cleland.
9:30-10:30	Planned Recreation.

SATURDAY, January 2

8:40	Chapel Service
9:15	Address, Mr. Art Casaday
10:25	Conference Round-tables
12:00	Luncheon
1:15	Address, "How I Became A Christian," Dr. Y. T. Wu
2:15	Round-tables continued
3:30- 6:00	Trips and Free Time
6:00	Conference Dinner
7:40	Chapel Service
8:15	Address, "From Today to Tomorrow," Rev. Dillon Throckmorton
9:30-10:30	Recreation, featuring stunts

SUNDAY, January 3

8:30	Fellowship Breakfast
9:40	Conference Assembly, Reports and Discussion
11:00	Church Service and Communion, conducted by Dr. Pierce.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 1 - 3 — Midwinter Conference of Pilgrim Fellowship, First Congregational Church, San Francisco.

January 21 - 22 — Annual Meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California, First Congregational Church, Alameda.

January 26 - 28 — Pastoral Conference, Pacific School of Religion.

CLELAND BROADCASTING

Rev. Gail Cleland of Alameda, at the Sunday evening services, continues the addresses growing out of his summer travels. Among the subjects presented are: "Strange Sights in Siberia," "What is Happening in Moscow," "Adventures in England," and "A Night in Paris." These addresses are being broadcast over Station KRE, beginning promptly at eight o'clock.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE BUNCH

The crunching of lunchers mingles with the aroma of the community coffee-pot and the conversation of friends as various groups of students gather each noon at our Congregational student center, Plymouth House. Monthly commuters' luncheons are held under the leadership of Morris Cleland, the purpose being to bring students of our Bay region churches together for an hour of wider acquaintance with one another. Thursday noons during the Fall semester have been given to Bible study under the guidance of Professor Chas. E. Rugh, whose insights into the Gospel of John have greatly enriched the company. A fine group attended regularly. The number of those who avail themselves of Plymouth House as a noon-time rendezvous increases constantly as more University young people gain first-hand knowledge of its facilities.

CHRISTMAS FUND TO BLESS 800 AGED

The Christmas Fund of the Board of Ministerial Relief will bless the aged, the disabled, the widowed and the fatherless on Christmas Day. It will meet crises of sickness, death, unemployment and acute distress. It will aid in relieving pastors in drouth-stricken areas. More than a thousand families receive aid from the Boards of Relief every year.

To last year's Christmas Fund, 6,379 donors, representing 1,973 Congregational and Christian Churches in every state of the Union except Mississippi, gave a total of $63,327. On Christmas Day, 850 checks were distributed by the national and state Boards of Relief, 741 to those on the regular rolls and 109 to other ministers and widows suffering because of illness, unemployment, or sheer destitution.

The average regular grant is now $256 to a minister and $201 to a widow, the lowest level for at least fifteen years. When the maximum grants, even in cases of chronic illness, hardly exceed a dollar a day, it is difficult to see how the pensioners of the Boards could exist at all if it were not for the help of the Christmas Fund.

Whatever the size of your gift, some aged saint or overburdened minister and his wife will ask God's blessing upon you for your remembrance. Regular donors to the Fund are asked to add one-third to their usual gifts this year to aid distressed pastors in the drouth areas; new donors, to make their contributions as generous as possible in view of this emergency need.

Lift the thirty-fifth Christmas Fund to $80,000!

Northern California Congregationalists are asked to share in this appeal of the National Board which, in turn, remits to our State Relief Society an amount sufficient to enable our own State pensioners to share equally with the beneficiaries of the National Board. Checks should be sent directly to the Congregational Board of Ministerial Relief, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York, and should be marked "Christmas Fund."

MODOC VISITATION

The annual visit to Modoc County was made in November by Superintendent Gill, who took with him Mrs. A. V. Dunn, President of the Women's Federation, Mrs. J. M. Burk, Social Relations Secretary of the Federation, and Rev. E. W. Benedict of Pittsburg. Services were held at Cedarville, Davis Creek, Alturas, Likely, Adin, and Bieber. There were women's conferences at Adin and Alturas, and visits were made to Nubieber and Fort Bidwell. The annual meeting of the Modoc Association was held during the visit. Members of the team were given the privilege of seeing something of the work being done and the opportunities that await us among the Indian people. Rev. A. W. Monosmith of Adin, Rev. J. K. Ballou of Alturas, and Rev. Virgil Vineyard of the Methodist Church of Cedarville, gave hearty cooperation in making the trip a success.

Another slide set, "Friend Meets Friend in India", has been received by the Conference office, and is available on the usual basis. Set contains approximately 56 slides.

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"THE WONDERFUL WAY"

What more beautiful Christmas remembrance can be given than a copy of the new devotional booklet, "The Wonderful Way", which is just off the press and ready for distribution? This booklet, also known as "Daily Devotions No. 4" has, as in former issues, a devotional thought for the day printed on a single page, and there is material sufficient for three months. Northern California Congregationalists will be very happy and proud because the material has been prepared by the Seminar on Personal Devotional Life, which has its center in California. Rev. Ralph C. Waddell of Petaluma, Rev. Allan A. Hunter of Los Angeles, and Rev. Noel J. Breed of Stockton, wrote the material for the first, second, and third months, respectively. It is printed very attractively, with a substantial cover of silver and blue. The price is 15c plus tax, postpaid. Copies may be ordered through the Pacific Book Service, 1164 Phelan Building.

ONE CHRISTIAN ACT

Pastors and prudential committees who find it difficult to get a layman to go out even once a year on an Every Member Canvass or its equivalent, will probably want the address of C. L. Wei from the village of Cho T'ou. Mr. Wei, a layman, had the rather absurd notion that being a Christian placed on him the responsibility for doing something definite. To date the following organizations can be checked off to his credit; Anti-Lawsuit band, dedicated to the proposition that if folks were better friends they would not find need to hire lawyers for petty troubles; Anti-Gambling Society to break up the deadly national sin of gambling; Road Repair Group which swept snow, fixed holes, pulled water wheels for poor farmers in time of drouth and helped them plow their fields by giving up four nights' sleep and their usual rest period in the busy day. Lastly, Mass Education classes for illiterates. Not bad for one lone Christian.

THRILL OF A LIFETIME

The thrill of a lifetime was experienced by Mrs. Mabel Larkins Hack of Mt. Silinda, East Africa, when at six o'clock in the morning over her radio she heard the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner," and Uncle Sam bidding the world good night through the voice of the announcer at station W2XAF, Schenectady. Rev. Henry C. McDowell of Galangue, Mr. F. S. Dart of Dondi (now on furlough in America) and other missionaries in Africa have radios. Mr. Dart is a real fan and has for years made his own sets. He was, in fact, the first person in his section of Africa to report reception of a short wave broadcast from station KDKA when they began experimentation in long distance broadcasting. "What a small place this world is getting to be and how much we need Christ if we are to live peaceably together," comments Mrs. Hack.

THE CHURCH AND PRESENT-DAY PROBLEMS

By Frederick L. Fagley

The Christian Church has the responsibility of leading in certain fields of human activity and interest. In meeting this responsibility, the Congregational and Christian denomination is looking to the future, not the past, and helping to set the thought pattern of our people along progressive lines.

A.—Some Fields Where We Are Making Progress:

1. In Social Readjustments.

The church believes in democracy not as a static doctrine but as a dynamic force for general welfare. This means that the good of the individual must be taken into account. There must be no "forgotten men" or women or children. The rapidly developing ideas of class and caste in America, determined by an artificial standard of material possessions, endanger those principles of human life and conduct which are fundamental to the American spirit and ideals. Hence, the church is making an earnest effort, through such agencies as The Council for Social Action, The Education Society, and its national paper, "Advance," to maintain Christian ideals in industry and social organization.

The work of our churches along these lines is spoken of by independent organs of opinion as the most courageous and statesmanlike leadership in this field in American church life today. The church as a whole is true to the spirit of Gladden and the leaders of the past, who in their day gave voice to the fundamental Christian teaching, that to the church there are no distinctions of class or color, but that all men must join together in a civilization of friendly workmen—workers together with God in creating a Society in harmony with the spirit and teachings of Jesus.

2. In Religious Thinking.

For some years the best thinking about religion and its place in this new age has been done by scientists, particularly by psychologists. They have begun their studies of man not from an external point of view but with man himself. Through these studies they have discovered man's need of religion, for if man is to come to his best, these scientists say, there must be some truly religious activity. They have found that faith, prayer, and unselfish service are as necessary for mental well-being as is food for the body.

The trend in present-day religion is away from a philosophical and dogmatic interpretation of religion to practical application, each man applying whatever religious insight he has to his own problems and his own environment. If we do not use our religion, we lose it, but in making use of what we do have, however little, we grow in understanding.

3. Religious Education.

Here fundamental changes are going forward. The whole foundation of religious education is being replaced by new ideas and programs. For many years the religious education has been patterned somewhat with the idea that religion could be taught like other subjects of knowledge, such as mathematics. In teaching mathematics we say, here are the facts, here the procedure, use both acccording to rule; and the result—a mathematician! Now we are realizing that religion, while it has its basic facts, is far more than a knowledge of these facts. It is the acquisition of attitudes, and the cultivation of helpful and wholesome moods. These are not to be had by blindly following general rules, for religion like a garment, must be fitted to the individual.

The Education Society is therefore placing the individual at the center of its program, and the main consideration then becomes the individual, his aptitudes, and his future. But it is the individual at work in the world, hence the social environment and the fabric of social organization in which the individual lives and works enter also primary consideration.

4. In Worship.

The trend today in worship is away from dependence on the form and toward emphasis upon the spirit of worship. Hence, the purposeful use of silence, the attention given to preparation, the arrangement of the surroundings, and the contribution of the leader who himself enters deeply into the experience of worship, are all being emphasized in our churches. This is the right direction, and promises well for the future. The Seminar on Worship is giving the churches effective leadership in this field.

5. With Youth.

The youth movement in our churches is a source of sincere gratification to all church men. A great multitude of young people, under the skillful leadership of the Young People's Department of the Education Society, is facing the future in a most courageous fashion. "Each generation must build its own mental and spiritual habitation." Perhaps it might be said that few generations of young people have been more generously loaded with burdens than is that of today. That the youth of today are looking beyond, over, and around this accumulation of doubt, hardship, and privation, and resolutely building a new world, gives promise that the Kingdom moves on and that the Spirit of God is working in the lives of men.

B.—Some problems we must face with better resolution:

1. Financial Support for Our Missionary Work.

The vision and sacrifice of our fathers do them credit. Today the world is more needy than ever, and we must rally to a better support of this world-wide extension of the Kingdom at home and abroad.

2. Evangelistic Preaching.

The new age demands a rewording of the Gospel message. It must be phrased to meet the needs of today, not of yesterday. The Seminar on Preaching Missions is studying this work and promises effective leadership.

3. Adult Education.

Far too many persons are attempting to live in this complex age on the basis of ideals and ideas acquired in childhood. Our learning must be brought to present-day requirements, and continued as long as life lasts. We need better material and methods for adult education. This is a task to which the Education and the Publishing Societies will give more attention with the cooperation of other agencies in the denomination.

4. Personal Devotion.

We need to know better how to make the resources of religion available for individual health, comfort, and encouragement. The Seminar on Personal Devotional Life is making a study of this.

5. Better Support of the Ministry.

Through the depression years, hundreds of pastors and other church workers have continued their work at the cost of whatever savings for old age they may have acquired. "The servant is worthy of his hire," and our churches need to realize that salaries must be restored and the ministry relieved of the too-heavy burden of financial worry.

6. Better and Cleaner Churches.

Far too many churches have neglected the church building and the

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ON THE WAY UP

Continued improvement is noted in the receipts for the first eleven months of the calendar year, as shown in the columns below. We are still a long way from the goal to be attained. More than $10,000 must come in before the 10th of January in order to bring our giving above the level of a year ago, but this was more than accomplished in the same period in 1935, and through the loyal cooperation of pastors, treasurers ,and people, it can be done again. Let every resource be thoroughly explored! The Conference office will deeply appreciate promptness in remittance in order to avoid the heavy year-end work. As has been true previously, the books will be held open until January 11 for funds to be credited on the year 1936.

	Nov. 1936	Jan. 11 to Nov. 30, 1936	Jan. 11 to Nov. 30, 1935
Adin	$ 16.00	$ 53.04	$ 89.00
Alameda	....	320.91	339.97
Alturas	....	23.78	18.93
Angels Camp	3.06	78.06	80.40
Antioch	....	21.80	27.86
Auburn	....	50.00	50.00
Benicia	....	20.00	24.00
Berkeley, First	588.34	5,916.58	5,706.01
North	....	450.00	525.00
Park	....	62.23	60.03
Campbell	75.00	179.00	192.00
Ceres	....	113.41	....
Cloverdale	5.16	59.56	75.28
Cotati	25.23	55.41	39.86
Crockett	....	40.40	59.03
Etna	....	12.00	....
Eureka	21.52	242.16	256.90
Fairfax	....	....	15.00
Ferndale	....	230.79	190.38
Fowler	12.00	12.00	....
Fresno, First	....	552.88	557.80
Pilgrim	10.00	60.00	82.90
Zion	30.00	30.00	....
Glen Ellen	....	2.27	....
Grass Valley	....	....	10.00
Hayfork	.85	5.85	....
Hayward	40.00	125.00	112.50
Kenwood	....	36.49	56.66
Lewiston	....	1.50	....
Likely	2.95	7.95	5.00
Lockeford	....	2.50	7.00
Lodi, First	316.00	706.00	602.00
Loomis	10.00	21.90	50.56
Martinez	41.74	234.87	187.21
Murphy	....	40.00	40.00
Niles	....	10.00	22.20
Oakland, First	494.25	4,412.95	3,331.18
Fruitvale	....	5.00	11.50
Japanese	....	5.00	....
Pilgrim	....	14.60	3.50
Plymouth	65.00	630.00	585.00
Oroville	62.00	172.00	145.00
Pacific Grove	....	369.28	381.07
Palo Alto	125.00	1,375.00	600.00
Paradise	28.52	132.09	201.00
Penn Grove	2.52	5.52	....
Pescadero	....	2.00	....
Petaluma	21.90	546.56	512.80
Pittsburg	....	81.13	44.84
Port Chicago	....	4.65	2.35
Porterville	....	112.50	17.00
Redwood City	80.00	415.00	250.00
Reedley, Finnish	....	25.00	25.00
Rio Vista	....	....	20.00
Ripon	10.39	55.31	77.50
Sacramento	53.09	497.15	575.15
Salida	....	....	50.00
San Carlos	....	10.00	15.00
San Francisco,			
Beth. Mis. Pk.	....	299.99	275.67
First	128.55	1,314.77	1,308.65
Ocean View	19.00	50.00	26.32
Richmond	12.62	34.73	4.00
San Jose	60.00	550.00	641.80
San Leandro	7.13	73.05	86.28
San Rafael	....	20.00	15.06
Santa Cruz	....	490.00	684.09
Santa Rosa	6.00	160.40	198.86
Saratoga	84.55	316.28	160.00
Sebastopol	31.69	188.45	224.15
Sonoma	....	70.64	71.25
Soquel	10.00	51.00	54.00
Stockton	47.30	450.95	499.42
Suisun	....	45.00	45.00
Sunnyvale	....	14.92	12.75
Tulare	9.80	264.80	165.00
Weaverville	....	102.36	46.00
Woodside	....	8.86	....
Reno, Nev.	33.55	343.05	347.09
Miscellaneous	108.13	816.38	441.79
*Special Deficit	....	....	825.05
Total	$2,698.84	$24,314.71	$22,463.60

*The contributions to the Special Deficit Fund in 1936 are included with gifts from the churches or in the miscellaneous item.

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MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. At the annual meeting it was reported that, in the year just closed, the church operated on a balanced budget. One of America's leading concert organists, Clarence Reynolds, has been engagd as guest organist to begin December 1. He has served at the Marble Collegiate Church in New York, the Baptist Assembly in Philadelphia, and as municipal organist in Denver.

This church and the Temple Methodist Church united in an eight-day preaching mission. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, was a member of the two-day preaching mission team at Vallejo and Santa Rosa.

TRINITY COUNTY. A ladies' aid society has been organized in Hayfork, which will meet twice a month. A study of China will be made and the group will actively cooperate with the Women's Federation. Thanksgiving baskets were prepared by the churches at Weaverville and Hayfork, and the ladies' aid society of Weaverville sponsored a Thanksgiving service. A pledge for the support of religious work at the University of California was paid by the Weaverville Pilgrim Fellowship. Clothing which has been received from churches has been distributed in the Hayfork district. Rev. James Salmon reports that this clothing is particularly welcome because cold weather has set in.

SOQUEL. A Thanksgiving pot-luck supper was the occasion for a splendid gathering on November 24. Superintendent Gill was the speaker, and a very substantial Thanksgiving offering for the regular benevolences of the denomination was received. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, the pastor, is exceedingly happy over the progress that has been made during the past two years in the improvement of the property.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Mr. George H. Carlson, secretary at the Army and Navy YMCA of San Francisco, was elected moderator for the year 1937. The people of this church are happy and united. The property is being renovated. Attendance is increasing. A benevolence goal of $1000 has been adopted. Rev. P. Pierson Parker is the pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. Four new members were received into the church during November, bringing the total to 75 during the year. The two-day preaching mission in Santa Cruz was held in this church. Among the members of the team was William Meyer of our First Church, Oakland, who is connected with the Emergency Peace Campaign.

TULARE. Without personal solicitation, the sum of $350 has been assured for the installation of a modern gas furnace. Rev. Arthur L. Rice preached the Thanksgiving Sermon at the Union Community Service. The church held services four week nights in cooperation with the National Preaching Mission.

SAN CARLOS. Two hundred dollars was realized through the Fall Harvest Festival sponsored by the Junior Matrons' organization. A portion of the weekly offering of the church is being laid aside for benevolences. Rev. Alden A. Read is pastor.

FAIRFAX. Rev. C. L. Mears declares that November was the best month since he took up work in this parish, the church attendance reaching a high point. Several newcomers are showing an interest in the church.

PORTERVILLE. Since the fire, which partially destroyed the church, services have been held in a theater, Sunday School in a lodge building, and Pilgrim Fellowship at the parsonage, with attendance at all showing an increase over the previous levels. The Ladies' Aid Society, which has reached a high point in membership, has remodeled the bathroom in the parsonage installing some new fixtures, and has also redecorated other rooms in the parsonage, at a total cost of about $150. The organ, which had been covered by insurance, will be rebuilt, the insurance just about covering the cost. It is planned that the main church auditorium will be restored and a one-story social hall will be erected in place of the old parish house, which at one time had served as a church. It will be necessary to raise some thousands of dollars locally, but when the plant is complete it will be more adequate than formerly.

One of the largest social gatherings in the church was held November 30, with 235 people present at a Harvest Home dinner. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

PITTSBURG. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, the pastor, has pushed The Pacific subscription list in his church well above the one hundred mark. During the autumn fourteen teams of the church made a complete canvass of the constituency to enlist cooperation. At the present time an intensive campaign for next year's budget is under way, in which a determined effort is being made to increase both the giving for home expenses and benevolences.

REDWOOD CITY. A thorough-going revision of the rolls of the church has been made. Instead of more than 500 members, the pastor, Rev. Charles E. Ward, and his committee are able to find only about 300. The church attendance has been splendid and is on the increase. A budget for home expenses and benevolences has been adopted, and canvass for the same is under way.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. An orchestra has been organized which, together with a number of singers, is preparing a program of Christmas music to be given on December 22. This program will be open to the entire community. The average attendance at Sunday School is 90. Mr. R. C. M. Fiske is the director.

EUREKA. A very ambitious renovation program for the church has been under way, the total cost of which was more than $400 and it was completed with all bills paid. Rev. Charles H. Hudson, pastor, exchanged pulpits with Rev. R. D. Douglass of Ferndale and was able to give the Ferndale folks a report of the recent meeting of the State Conference.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. A men's club has been organized with thirteen charter members. A Girl Reserves Club has been formed under the leadership of Mrs. David Miller. The church is looking forward to the visit, on December 6, of Mr. E. Harold Mason, guest speaker from Berkeley.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Rev. T. T. Giffen has announced a series of sermons on "The Christian Year." He proposes to follow the calendar of the church in its main emphases in order that in the course of a year the whole field of Christian thought may be covered, at least in outline.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. The net income from the Fall Festival totaled nearly $900. Seven new members have been received into the church recently. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton has succeeded in securing the underwriting of a budget for girls' and boys' workers, and plans, thus, to give guidance to a large number of children in the Mission district. This district has the greatest percentage of delinquency in the city of San Francisco. Mr. Throckmorton has been much in demand as a speaker, telling of his experiences with the Sherwood Eddy Party this summer, and he was also a member of the two-day preaching mission team at Sacramento.

SANTA ROSA. Six men and four women were received into the church in November, among them some very substantial people who will bring leadership to the church. The Sunday evening forum continues to create attention. For the most part local speakers have been used, including Congressman Clarence Lea, Attorney L. G. Hitchcock, and J. O. Cross, Superintendent of Schools. The church kitchen has been remodeled and other adjustments made in the building, costing about $200. An altar lamp matching the stained glass windows of the church has been presented by a citizen of Santa Rosa. Rev. Wilfred Withington, the pastor, reports an increased interest in the Sunday School.

PACIFIC GROVE. The churches of the peninsula gave vigorous cooperation to the two-day preaching mission, and are following it up with the eight-day mission. For Pacific Grove the services are being held in the Congregational Church, the various pastors participating. Cottage prayer meetings in preparation for the mission, were held at a number of different localities. The social life of the church was stimulated by the annual Roll Call Supper, a most delightful occasion. Rev. J. H. Hunter is pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. In preparation for the Every Member Canvass, the benevolences of the Congregational denomination were presented by four minute men who followed the chart presented by Superintendent Gill at the Laymen's Conferences. Rev. Edwin T. Sherman, Field Secretary, was the speaker at the monthly church night in November. Rev. George E. Atkinson is pastor.

COTATI and PENNGROVE. A church census of the two parishes has been completed by laymen making a thorough-going visitation. Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Champlin have moved to the parsonage in Penngrove, which is being redecorated. Congregations at Cotati have reached a high point.

PETALUMA. The Protestant churches of the city have united in a preaching mission for the week beginning November 29. Services are held each night in turn at the various churches, the pastors doing the preaching.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. Ten Sunday School teachers and one or two others meet each Wednesday morning at 9:15 for a study of Goodspeed's "The Story of the New Testament", under the leadership of the minister, Rev. J. H. McCartney. A play is being rehearsed by the young people, which is to help in their Asilomar fund.

SALIDA. At special Thanksgiving services, with Mr. C. V. Carlson, pastor, in charge, ten new members were received into fellowship.

LODI. The Lodi Church is looking forward with keen anticipation to the coming of Rev. A. R. Boone who begins his pastorate January 1. Mr. Boone is just closing a very successful pastorate at the Community Church of Armour, South Dakota. During the six years of his service there, the church increased in strength and maintained a very high average of attendance. Previous pastorates were held in Montana and at Wessington Springs, South Dakota. Mr. Boone is a graduate of McPherson College, Kansas, and of Oberlin Theological Seminary. He has been active in State Conference work and is especially strong in his leadership of young people. He is married and has three children, aged 11, 9, and 7.

SACRAMENTO. The tenth anniversary of the dedication of the Pioneer Church building was held on Sunday, November 22. Superintendent Gill, who was the pastor of the church at the time of its erection, preached at the evening service. The organ, which was partially destroyed by fire a month ago, was covered by insurance. Some changes are being made which will greatly improve its quality and serviceability. The Emancipation Campaign for freeing the church from debt is proceeding steadily. Rev. Lawrence Wilson, the pastor, assisted in the preaching mission at Oroville.

RIO VISTA. This church is exceedingly happy in the coming of Rev. Victor H. Morgan as resident pastor. For a number of years the church has been supplied by clergymen who have lived elsewhere, but with the return of better times, it was felt that a man on the field was urgently needed. Mr. Morgan, who has had a very successful pastorate at Woodside, will bring to the community and to the church at Rio Vista strong leadership. He will emphasize work among young people.

OROVILLE. A joint preaching mission was held for the week beginning November 22, the ministers of the various Protestant churches participating. The Oroville Church was represented at the two-day preaching mission held at Chico. Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer is the pastor.

C. E. ROBINSON TAKES NEW WORK

Rev. C. E. Robinson has been called to be professor of New Testament Exegesis and Religious Education at Pike's Peak Bible Seminary, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Dr. Robinson has moved to Colorado and begun his work. He has had a long and helpful ministry in the Northern California Conference, having served Congregational churches at Lockeford. Grass Valley and Petaluma, and community churches at Cupertino and San Lorenzo.

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There will be no meeting in December.

THOSE WHO CARE

The Prayer Guild Secretary, Mrs. Frank J. Greene, brings information from time to time of the helps available for strengthening the prayer life of individuals and of the churches. At the meeting of the Federation on November 19 she especially emphasized the "Fellowship of Those Who Care and Share." This fellowship consists of those who care deeply about sharing Christ with the peoples of all lands, and who pray daily "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven." It is a world-wide fellowship, and prayers are especially offered for the great ends that the American Board is set to serve.

A little leaflet, by the same name, is published monthly by the American Board, giving the special objects for united prayer, and other helpful material. This may be received regularly by sending ten cents in stamps to H. L. Meeken, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. The following, by Dr. F. F. Goodsell, is taken from one issue of this leaflet:

"Two friends stood looking at one of Turner's flaming pictures in the National Gallery in London. One said to the other, 'I never saw a sunset like that!' The reply came, 'Don't you wish you had eyes to see a sunset like that!' Jesus shows us new beauty and new truth,—beauty and truth we never can see unless we look through eyes He can give us. Jesus lets us listen to new harmonies—music we never can hear until we listen with ears in tune with the Infinite. Jesus puts love and goodwill into our hearts, so that we can sense and share the burdens of others and be truly unselfish and truly happy, as we never can be without Him. Dr. Butterick says, 'Prayer is the optic nerve of the soul. We must not cut that nerve.' "

SOCIAL ACTION A PHASE OF MISSIONS

The afternoon session of the last Federation meeting was devoted to an illuminating round table discussion, led by Mrs. J. M. Burk, on "Our Christian Work Around the World," in which was brought out the inter-relationships of the groups which are active in spreading the gospel of Jesus,—foreign, home, and social action. Mrs. Burk gave a brief background of the whole missionary endeavor touching upon the orgin and purposes of the American Board, the American Missionary Association, and the Council for Social Action. Mrs. Dennis Goodsell showed how foreign missions are working for better living conditions, for greater literacy, for better racial understanding, among foreign peoples; Mrs. E. B. Mead did the same for the homeland missions; Mrs. J. G. Barnes showed how foreign leaders are contributing to the life of our churches by bringing a clearer interpretation of the gospel, as instanced by the recent tour of Kagawa; and Mrs. F. D. Norton showed how the Social Action program looks toward making the gospel more effective in society. Like the other groups it is seeking to eliminate unjust racial discrimination, unjust economic conditions, and the spirit of fear which leads to strife. Concrete illustrations were given by all the participants, and new phases of mission work were brought home to the minds of many by this presentation.

Mrs. R. L. Bowen Tells A. B. C. F. M. Plans

Mrs. Robert L. Bowen, one of the newly elected vice-presidents of the American Board, stopped in Oakland for a brief visit on her way to Los Angeles from the October meeting of the Prudential Committee. A small group of Federation women, called together on a day's notice, gathered at the First Church, Oakland, to meet her. She told most interestingly of the problems, the plans, and the hopes of the American Board, and of the threatened further curtailment of its work if the additional $600,000 asked for in 1936 and 1937 should not be raised. She urged that the churches of Northern California meet their share of that increase. Mrs. Bowen will be a great addition to any administrative body. The October "Herald" in writing of the new officers of the Board, says of her: "Mrs. Bowen, of Los Angeles, President of the Southern California Federation of Congregational Women, was one of a committee of three state presidents who recently worked out the code for Congregational women's work. She has been strong in program building, possesses peculiar gifts of organization and leadership, and is interested in all mission work of the denomination." Southern California and Pacific Coast Congregationalists are proud to have her in this high office.

STUDY BOOKS ON NEGRO

Many church societies are taking up the study of the American Negro during the spring months. The following books are suggested as containing the best material for the study. Further information may be obtained from Miss Helen Perkins, Literature Secretary, at 2738 Webster St., Berkeley.

A Preface to Racial Understanding, by Samuel S. Johnson, Professor of Sociology in Fisk University. A constructive discussion of Negro-white relationships in education and missions.

The Story of the American Negro, by Ina Corrine Brown. Particularly for young people, a call for Christian understanding.

Brown America: The Story of a New Race, by Charles E. Embree. The President of Rosenwald Fund discusses Negro life and problems.

Twelve Negro Americans, by Mary Jennes. New stories of young leaders of today.

Negro-Americans — What Now? by Jenness. New stories of young leaders message to his people.

Missionary Herald for September, 1936. Sketches of Congregational work.

Santa Clara Association. Six out of ten churches were represented at a meeting in Palo Alto on November 16. Exchange of ideas about program, and methods of raising money, together with a happy fellowship, made the meeting memorable.

From the Foreign Secretary. Miss Katherine O. Fletcher, home on furlough from Turkey,says: "As long as literature can be taught we need not fear for the high ethics of our work." Dr. Laubach has asked for books for his Philippine students. Please send to Mrs. Frank Sadler, 2800 Woolsey Street, Berkeley, any wholesome books, especially poetry, suitable for ages between seven and forty-five and they will be forwarded.

From the Home Secretary. Miss Helen Perkins, 2738 Webster Street, Berkeley, is receiving gifts for Christmas for the children in migrant camps.

The Annual Meeting of the Federation will be held Wednesday and Thursday, January 21 - 22 , in the Alameda Church. Mrs. A. V. Dunn, president, will leave immediately at the close for the Midwinter Meeting in Evanston.

"The Effective Church", an outline for the study of local church work growing out of the seminars at the General Council, has been prepared in pamphlet form by the Pilgrim Press. It is for officers, leaders, and groups in the church, and is for the purpose of helping them to think for themselves about the problems of their own local church, and to plan for greater effectiveness. It is bound in paper, contains 50 pages, and may be ordered through the Pacific Book Service at 25c per copy.

"Better Motion Pictures", a sixty-page paper-bound pamphlet by Fred Eastman and Edward Oulette, has been published by the Pilgrim Press. It is a discussion course for adults, and is approved by the International Council of Religious Education. It contains six chapters and will be of very great help to those who desire to acquaint themselves with this very important problem. Copies may be ordered at 25c through Pacific Book Service.

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church yard. Much of this repair can be done by voluntary work, evenings and Saturday afternoons. Plants and shrubs may be contributed from yards and gardens in the parish to add to the appearance of the church yard, which should set an example of order, cleanliness, and beauty, and reflect the high regard of the people for all that the church represents.

7. Home Religion.

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